

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on March 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** N/A

**Executive Action:** HB 255 - Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 283 - Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 383 - Be Concurred In As Amended

00:00:02 Chair Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255**

00:01:00 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 255 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:16 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 255 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(sts65a01)

**Discussion:**

00:01:38 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:56 Chair Brown

00:03:24 Sen. Malek

00:03:43 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:04:09 Sen. Kary

00:04:16 Sen. Whitford

00:04:49 Ms. Weiss

00:05:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:05:47 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 255 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:06:01 Sen Malek

00:06:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 283**

00:07:21 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 283 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:07:27 Chair Brown

00:07:44 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:08:33 Sen. Malek

00:08:42 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:09:00 Sen. Malek

00:09:12 Ms. Weiss

00:09:30 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 283 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(sts65a02)

**Discussion:**

00:10:01 Chair Brown

00:10:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:10:33 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 283 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:10:45 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 283 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts65a03)

**Discussion:**

00:10:50 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:11:43 Chair Brown

00:11:48 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:12:44 Chair Brown

00:12:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. F. Smith voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:13:18 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 283 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:30 Sen. Malek

00:14:25 Chair Brown

00:15:27 Sen. Malek

00:15:55 Chair Brown

00:16:25 Sen. Smith

00:16:46 Chair Brown

00:17:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Kary will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383**

00:17:47 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 383 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:18:19 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:19:00 Chair Brown

00:19:40 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:20:09 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 383 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts65a04)

**Discussion:**

00:20:44 Ms. Weiss  
 00:21:00 Chair Brown  
 00:23:09 Sen. Swandal  
 00:24:07 Sen. Kary  
 00:24:29 Chair Brown  
 00:24:57 Sen. Whitford  
 00:26:07 Chair Brown

00:26:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:27:24 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 383 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:27:30 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 383 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(sts65a05)

**Discussion:**

00:27:55 Ms. Weiss  
 00:28:13 Chair Brown  
 00:28:25 Ms. Weiss  
 00:28:35 Sen. Kary  
 00:28:50 Chair Brown  
 00:28:57 Melanie Symons, chief legal council, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)  
 00:30:01 Chair Brown  
 00:30:05 Sen. Kary  
 00:30:37 Chair Brown  
 00:30:44 Sen. Smith  
 00:31:01 Chair Brown  
 00:31:12 Sen. Malek  
 00:31:56 Chair Brown

00:31:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:32:19 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 383 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:28 Chair Brown  
 00:33:46 Sen. Malek  
 00:35:02 Chair Brown

00:35:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

00:36:51 Sen. Swandal

00:37:04 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:41 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts65aad.pdf](#))**